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## Driver walks away from woods crash

**ACCIDENT** A Fall River area woman was unharmd after her car crashed into the woods near Dartmouth Crossing late yesterday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say the woman was driving her beige Chrysler Sebring along Highway 118, when around 11:20 a.m. her vehicle lost control and flipped upside down in the woods.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said the fact she was wearing her seatbelt likely saved her life.

"We're thankful she had her seatbelt on," he said. "This shows the importance of wearing your seatbelt."

No other vehicles were involved in the crash and Palmeter expects no charges to be laid.

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Harper, Iggy to meet again

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## Iran Dissent spills into streets of Halifax

Hamed, left, who didn't want his last name used, and Sadra Monfared, right, protest against the results of the recent Iranian election yesterday. Around 100 people took part in the protest in front of the Public Gardens. Story, pg 5

# It's a done deal

## HRMbyDesign 'the right thing to do,' says councillor

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**Some call it a step forward, some a step backward, but as far as city council is concerned HRMbyDesign is a done deal.**

Three years after work on the downtown design plan started, Halifax Regional Council voted in favour of the long-term vision yesterday, following contentious debate and fine-tuning.

Jennifer Watts of Connaught-Quinpool was the only councillor who voted against the project in the

**"Thousands of residents, with their own hands, shaped ... this plan."**

Andy Fillmore, project manager

end. Most councillors stood up and applauded city staff and citizens who dedicated their time and effort toward creating the urban plan.

Timberlea-Prospect Coun. Reg Rankin said "this is the right thing to do," while Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey called it a worthwhile "leap of faith."

Project manager Andy Fillmore reminded council "thousands of residents,

with their own hands, shaped ... this plan." He said about 80 per cent of Haligonians have shared their support "and want to adopt it as quickly as possible."

The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, however, has been vocal about its opposition and president Phil Pacey said yesterday he's "very disappointed" the plan has passed.

"The overall result today

has been very negative for the city," he said, pointing to an informal survey of preferred views from Citadel Hill, conducted by his group. "Ninety-one per cent of the public don't want those convention centre towers."

But Pacey said he's "pleased" with three of about five amendments made yesterday, including the decision to keep current height limits for buildings on south Barrington Street and the move to add more laypeople to a design review committee. "We have taken three small steps forward; one giant step backward."

## Tory leader stepping down

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Premier Rodney MacDonald said yesterday he would soon be stepping down as leader of the Progressive Conservatives.

MacDonald made the statement after the Premier's Power of Positive Change Awards ceremony at Province House — likely his last public function as premier

as the NDP's Darrell Dexter takes over the position officially Friday.



Rodney MacDonald

MacDonald said it's a time of renewal for the Tories and an interim leader should be picked this summer.

"It's time for change and I expect we'll see a change in that regard," MacDonald said. "You won't see me sitting, as an example, you won't see me sitting this fall as the leader of the party. I think it'll be definitely necessary before that to make sure we have an interim leader in place."

MacDonald didn't give a specific timeline but, said he "had discussions already and should be able to say something within a relatively reasonable amount of time." He said he would continue to represent the riding of Inverness as long as the people elect him.

MacDonald said he greatly enjoyed being premier, but does feel more relaxed now that the pressures of the job are off him.

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# Canada's Economic Action Plan: 80% Already Underway

Canada's Economic Action Plan is well underway. That's the message contained in a new Report to Canadians by the Federal Government.

The report shows that 80% of economic stimulus is already being implemented and thousands of initiatives are taking shape across the country. This unprecedented action by the Federal Government is designed to help protect Canadians from the global recession that continues to affect countries around the world.

countries that has been less affected than others by the global crisis. Experts at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) noted, "the financial strains evident elsewhere are markedly less serious in Canada."

These same experts at the IMF have also been positive in their assessment of the Federal Government's Economic

**"The federal stimulus package (is) timely, appropriately sized, diversified and well structured..."**

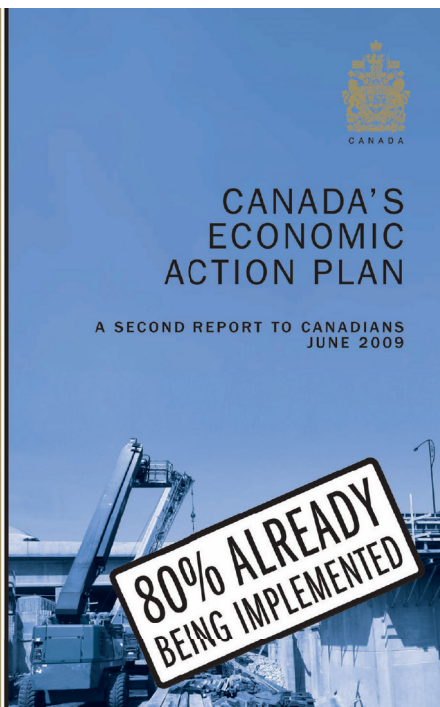
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Top international economic organizations have been clear in citing Canada as one of the

Action Plan, concluding that "the federal stimulus package (is) timely, appropriately sized, struc-

CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN • A SECOND REPORT TO CANADIANS

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tured, with steps to facilitate labor reallocation and protect the vulnerable."

In a nutshell, the Economic Action Plan encourages consumer and business spending by cutting taxes and improving access to financing. It creates jobs and promotes growth by investing in infrastructure. It assists unemployed Canadians by extending employment insurance benefits and funding skills training. And it helps build the economy of tomorrow by improving infrastructure at colleges and universities, while investing in research and technology.

With this Economic Action Plan, the Federal Government has also shown clear account-

ability by creating a government website, [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca), that identifies the Action Plan benefits and programs available to Canadian families and businesses. These include benefits for home owners and home buyers, such as incentives for home renovation and first time home buyers.

Due in no small part to the action taken by the Federal Government, Canada is predicted to be amongst the first to emerge from this economic crisis. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has in fact predicted that Canada will lead the recovery among G7 nations in 2010.

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**Ex-MLA Boudreau's trial date set**

Former Nova Scotia MLA Brian Boudreau is standing trial next year charged with two counts of assault. The 54-year-old Cape Breton native and former Liberal MLA will see his trial begin July 8, 2010, in Sydney. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## See a free screening of Outlander

Film Nova Scotia and Empire Theatres are hosting a free screening of the locally shot film *Outlander* tomorrow at Oxford Theatre at 6:30 p.m. *Outlander* was shot in Nova Scotia in 2006 and stars James Caviezel, left, who is a futuristic soldier who crash lands on Earth with a fire-breathing monster in a time of warring Viking tribes. The film also features Ron Perlman, Sophie Myles and John Hurt.

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# Shootings connected: Cops

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## Halifax Regional Police say three recent shootings in the north end of Halifax are connected.

The incidents are part of a recent string of gunfire in the Halifax Regional Municipality. There have been four shootings in HRM during a 78-hour period, between 7 p.m. Saturday and 12:25 a.m. yesterday morn-

ing when a house on the 5800 block of May Street in Halifax was fired at in the most recent shooting.

"We don't believe that these are random incidents," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetter, referring to the three shootings in the north end. "The people are involved in some sort of feud and they're resorting to gun violence."

In the most recent shooting, police say it's believed

no one was home at the time the shots were fired. Police say they did find evidence of shotgun blasts in the front door of the house and also in a second floor window. They also say a man wearing a black hoodie was observed running from the area.

It's believed this same house was home to another incident on Friday night, although police will not confirm this.

On Friday night two

men entered a house on May Street and used pepper spray inside the house. A suspect also hit a man over the head with a beer bottle.

No one has been injured in any of these shootings, however all have taken place in public areas, something Palmetter said police are worried about for the public's safety.

"It's always a great concern when shootings occur in broad daylight in public

areas," he said.

Palmetter said HRP is prioritizing the three shootings in the north end. He said they have put extra people on the case "to investigate and target these recent incidents."

He added police have found little evidence so far because "we've responded to these incidents and there's no victim or suspect in the area so that makes it difficult for us to investigate it."

## Draft report on sewage plant failure kept secret

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**PLANT** Halifax Regional Municipality released an update on its broken sewage treatment plant yesterday, but the contents of a draft report into what caused the malfunction remain a secret — even to city councillors.

Mayor Peter Kelly is the only elected representative who has read the preliminary report by the company tasked to complete a forensic investigation of the failure.

"HRM and Halifax Water understand the public interest in this important project ... which is why due diligence is being exercised to protect the multimillion-dollar investment that taxpayers have made," the update says. "(We) must be vigilant in safeguarding the confidentiality of material."

During another closed-door meeting yesterday, council voted to wait until June 30 to view the forensic findings. Even then, information won't immediately be made public.

## Legislature to go back for one day

**SESSION** The provincial legislature will recall for a quick, one-day session next Thursday, June 25.

The NDP government announced the special sitting yesterday, saying it is necessary to elect presiding officials and establish committees of the House of Assembly.

The province's new MLAs will also be sworn in at a ceremony before the house sits.

Premier-designate Darrell Dexter will be sworn in as premier by the lieutenant-governor this Friday. Dexter will also be announcing his new 12-member cabinet at the public ceremony, which takes place at the Cunard Centre starting at 6 p.m.

Dexter has said a brief legislature session would be necessary in the short-term to take care of house-keeping matters. A longer sitting may have to wait until a budget is in place, which could be the fall.

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## Students honoured for positive changes

### Sunny Side

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## Ten students and their families gathered in Province House yesterday to be presented with the Premier's Power of Positive Change Award.

This is the first time the award has been handed out. It was created to award students for their positive contributions to their schools and communities by developing a school or community activity or promoting positive behaviour.

The award winners receive a certificate and a \$2,000 bursary toward their post-secondary education. Megan Beaudoin, a Grade 11 student from Prince Andrew High School, was one of the award recipients. She has been involved in the Independent Living Nova Scotia Association for years and recently started her own initiative called IUnique.

"(It) focuses on ethnicity and accepting people" she



Premier Rodney MacDonald has his photo taken with Shad Bay's Cassidy McCarthy after the Premier's Power of Positive Change award ceremony at Province House yesterday.

said of her program.

"It's really awesome that she's getting recognition for something that she's been really wanting to do for a while," her boyfriend, Glenn Allen, added.

Almost 100 students in Nova Scotia were nominated for the award. The chosen students were each highlighted for making significant impacts in their

communities.

For example Marion Miller, a Grade 12 student at Dr. J.H. Gillis High School, organized Antigonish's first Gay Pride parade. And Chandler Dunnington, a Grade 7 student at Sackville Heights Junior High School, developed the online magazine Kidz Talk, which promotes conversation between adults and

### Award winners

- Megan Beaudoin, Grade 11, Prince Andrew
- Chandler Dunnington, Grade 7, Sackville Heights
- Logan MacGillivray, Grade 6, Basin Drive
- Keith Matheson, Grade 11, Baddeck Academy
- Cassidy McCarthy, Grade 4, Atlantic Memorial-Terrance Bay
- Marion Miller, Grade 12, Dr. J.H. Gillis
- Rebecca Moore, Grade 11, Flexible Learning and Education Centres
- Kelsie Mosher, Grade 8, Centre Consolidated
- Adam Stacey, Grade 12, Northumberland
- Karley Titus, Grade 12, Digby Regional

children.

Beaudoin said she's not finished working to help her community. She plans on using her grant to help pay for university tuition after finishing high school next year.

"I want to become a social worker," she said about her future.

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What's online today.

**Blogs** Internets explains why Twitter's role in the Iranian protests is just the beginning of the next revolution in social networking.



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Be prepared for possible delays if you're going out to the airport this week. Construction is going to cut off some lanes in front of the terminal building along the upper departures road. The Halifax International Airport Authority is recommending travellers set aside more time in getting to their flight. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Cold case information can net cash

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The province is offering up to \$150,000 for information to help solve the case of a murdered hitchhiker near Chester.

Steven Michael Hall of Salfordville, Lunenburg Co.,

disappeared on Saturday, April 26, 1996. He was witnessed at the Ultramar in Chester Basin to pay a bill, then last seen hitchhiking on Highway 3 towards Chester.

About seven months later, on Nov. 23, 1996, Hall's body was found in a wooded area on Hogg Lott Rd., about 13

kilometres north of the Chester area.



Steven Hall

He was determined to have died from unnatural causes, but no charges were ever laid.

The case is

the most recent addition to Nova Scotia's Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program, which offers cash rewards for information.

Any tips can be reported to the Department of Justice toll-free at 1-888-710-9090. More information, and other cases, can be found at gov.ns.ca/just.

## Remembering passengers on St. Louis voyage

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**Lisa Avedon doesn't remember much about her time on the St. Louis, but she does remember spending most of her time in her cabin.**

"I was seasick so much. In fact, it's funny, until I went to a reunion I was not aware that there was a swimming pool on the ship, because I never got to use it," Avedon said.

She will be speaking about her experiences tonight when the Atlantic Jewish Council holds a commemoration for the passengers of the St. Louis.

The ship set sail 70 years ago from Germany. Its destination was Havana, where its 936 Jewish passengers were seeking asylum.

They were refused in Cuba and then in the United States and Canada.

The ship returned to Europe; 288 passengers went to England while the rest of the passengers went to France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

It is estimated that 365

of the 620 passengers that returned to Continental Europe were killed during the Holocaust.

"I feel very honoured to be invited," Avedon said about this week's commemoration.

"There aren't many of us left from the St. Louis, you can imagine. I was one of the youngest and I will be 75 this fall," she said.

Avedon was only 4½ when she sailed to Cuba on the St. Louis with her mother, brother and grandmother.

Avedon said she thinks it's very important to remember the St. Louis, especially considering the number of refugees around the world today.

"The kinds of things going on in Iran, in Afghanistan, in the Asian countries; there are refugees in so many places and the things that human beings do to one another is just so unbelievable," she said.

"I think people have to understand so that it's never repeated again."

### Details

- The event will be held at Halifax's Maritime Museum of the Atlantic tonight at 7:30 p.m.

### ShareYourViews

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## Ontario's adoption records are now open.

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**Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open.** This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

To learn more about your right to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit [www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo](http://www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo) or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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### News in brief

**APPOINTMENT** Joni Guptill has been chosen as the new president of Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders Canada. The Halifax-based family doctor and veteran of humanitarian emergencies, was chosen by the group's board at a general assembly in Montreal earlier this week. Guptill is one of the organizations founders from 1981 and was previously the group's vice-president for three years.

**CONCERT** Halifax's In-Flight Safety and Montreal indie rockers Handsome Furs have been added to the lineup for the Nova Scotia Virgin Festival rock show July 4 at Citadel Hill. The Tragically Hip, The Offspring and Metric are headlining the summer show. Other acts include Handsome Furs, Hey Rosetta!, Planets and Animals, Dinosaur Jr. and Arkells.

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**Bike lanes coming on Bedford Highway**

New bike lanes are going in on parts of the Bedford Highway resulting in road construction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until about July 15. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Standing with Iran

## Demonstrators show support for protests

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**Outrage in the streets of Iran spilled into Halifax yesterday, as more than 100 protesters chanted and yelled outside the Public Gardens.**

Swathed in the colours of the Iranian flag, the protesters waved signs saying "Down with the Dictators of Iran" and "Election Now/Fraud No!" They also repeated "Where is my vote?"

It was a local event, but part of an international outburst of anger over Iranian elections widely believed to be fraudulent.

"I'm supporting my friends back in Tehran and Iran. They're getting beaten by batons, they are getting killed," said Azadh Lucky, a dentist who moved to Bedford four months ago.

"There are a lot of people who are unhappy with

### Iranians in Halifax

- It was estimated at the protest up to 2,000 Iranians live in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

the results. Even the people who voted for Ahmadinejad, now they are regretting it."

Many at yesterday's protest expressed disbelief that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could possibly have received the overwhelming support he claimed to receive. They called for a new election.

"The current situation right now is not good for anybody. It's not good for the ruling regime because they have put a question mark on themselves," said Ali, a 28-year-old who didn't want to give his last name.

"They need to get back the people's trust. Even the ones who believed in them, a lot of them have lost their trust."

Another man named Hamed also didn't want to give his full name. He said he was going to Iran soon to see family and was worried he could be flagged and the government would know he was protesting the election.

There were varying opinions on whether the demonstrations inside and outside of Iran would be enough to spark a new election.

But those approached by Metro Halifax said it was important to fight for democracy.

"We want to support our people. And we want to say to all media that this is the truth, and we didn't vote for the guy who is now the winner," said protestor Sama Shirazi.

# Pedal-powered pilot project

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## Sunny Side

**TRIAL** Capital Health staff, physicians and volunteers can now hop on a bike when travelling between the Halifax Infirmary and Victoria General sites of the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

Chris Power, president and CEO of the Capital District Health Authority, said yesterday the new initiative is to promote a healthier lifestyle, and get people to stop driving or grabbing a bus between the two locations.

"We've been talking about this for a long time," she said. "This is a fun way to do it, there are baskets on the bikes so we can take our briefcases and purses to get us going, so we're really pumped about it."

This is considered a pilot project in what Capital Health representatives say should become a larger part of an everyday healthy life for their staff.

"It's a nice ride," Power said. "But we're going to work with the city to try to get more and more bike lanes."

The distance between the two hospital sites is just over a kilometre, or about a 10-minute walk.

Employees need only show their identification



Capital Health employees cycle from the Halifax Infirmary site to the Victoria General during the launch of bicycle program yesterday. The program aims to provide Capital Health staff with the option of riding a bike when travelling between the two sites.

cards and then they can take a bicycle or tricycle to either site. The bicycles are supplied by Sportwheels in Lower Sackville free of charge, along with free maintenance. A group of about 40 cyclists including Capital Health employees, Halifax Regional Police and other biking enthusiasts tested out the route yesterday along Bell Road and South Park Street.

Bob White of the Nova Scotia Ramblers Bicycle Club gave the riders a quick safety tutorial before they left for the Victoria General.

"What you're doing right now is a wonderful thing," he said. "To see something like this is absolutely huge, it's making a very positive statement, not only on health but also on lifestyle."

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About 480 workers at the Globe and Mail newspaper will vote this weekend on whether to give their union a strike mandate amid tense negotiations over a new contract, a union official said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# Canada



## Walk of Fame inductees named

Blue Rodeo, Raymond Burr, Kim Cattrall, left, Tom Cochrane, Dsquared2, Howie Mandel, Robert Munsch and Chantal Petitclerc will be inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in September, it was announced yesterday.

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# Ignatieff, Harper talks 'productive'

Election appears unlikely as both sides to meet again today

**The chances of an early federal election appeared to diminish sharply yesterday after the leader of Canada's main opposition party held two rounds of "productive" talks with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.**

Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff had threatened Monday to topple Harper's minority Conservative government, but the political temperature dropped when the two men met for what both sides agreed were productive discussions.

More talks were scheduled for this morning, spokesmen for both sides said, but the outcome

seemed increasingly clear. Ignatieff's ally Steve Mackinnon said on CTV that he expected "ultimately no election."

Ignatieff had said Monday he would try to bring down the Conservatives on a budgetary vote Friday unless Harper explained in detail how he planned to help Canadians survive the economic downturn.

Although Harper quickly delivered a largely defiant response, Ignatieff then said he saw enough in the prime minister's words to indicate some progress had been made. Harper then suggested the two meet yesterday. "We're gradually getting

## No election fever

• Canadians are showing little interest in what would be the country's fourth election in little over five years. A Harris-Decima poll for Canadian Press Monday said only 14 per cent of respondents wanted an election now.

clearer answers and we made a little progress yesterday," Ignatieff told French-language broadcaster Radio-Canada before the talks started.

After having spoken of progress and productive talks, it would be tricky for

Ignatieff to suddenly force an election.

Political observers largely agree that Ignatieff took too hard a line Monday and is now seeking a way out.

Ignatieff, who like Harper insists he does not want an election now, says he is most concerned about the unemployment benefit system, which he demands be made more generous and more widely available.

Harper said on Monday that Ottawa would expand the system to include the self-employed later this year but added that broader changes would be too expensive.



REUTERS

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday, in a bid to defuse a potential election.

## Economy hurting progress: VANOC

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### 2010 Games

**OLYMPICS** The economic slowdown has proven to be a major hurdle in the race to sign up needed suppliers for next year's Winter Olympics, organizers said yesterday.

The recession has already made it difficult to line up sponsors for the 2010 Games in Vancouver, but it has also made it difficult for some companies to bid on supply contracts for jobs such as providing food at local venues.

"In the end, we're happy with the companies we do have, but in some cases we haven't had as many to choose from as we might of otherwise hoped for," said John McLaughlin, chief financial officer of the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC).

All suppliers had to undergo pre-bid screening, but in some cases firms that passed that test later had to drop out because they could not get the bank credit needed to pursue the contract, officials said.

VANOC has a \$1.7 billion operating budget.

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## Book distracts from Cirque events

**CONTROVERSY** The 25th anniversary of the global circus phenomenon Cirque du Soleil has been busy, to say the least, with the launch of a new show in Montreal, the announcement that its founder Guy Laliberté will fly to space and an attempt yesterday to break a world record for stilt-walking.

But for all the good publicity, there has also been for Laliberté an annoying distraction in the form of a new, muckraking book that, in addition to lauding his business acumen and down-to-Earth personality, alleges he hosted parties featuring orgiastic sex, endless drugs and rock-and-roll partying.

While the Cirque's lawyers have sent legal warning letters to the publisher of the book and to Maclean's magazine, which last week published an excerpt from it, the book is flying off the shelves — so much so that in just two weeks it's already into its second printing.

"It's a paradox because Mr. Laliberté is our best press relations person," said Pierre Turgeon, president of Transit Publishing, which released Ian Halperin's unauthorized biography, Guy Laliberté: The Fabulous Story of the Creator of Cirque du Soleil. "He's trying to suppress the book and this creates a lot of publicity."



A stilt-walker practices as she prepares for Cirque du Soleil's attempt at a Guinness world record for most people simultaneously walking on stilts, in Montreal, yesterday. A controversial new book about Cirque's owner Guy Laliberté is also being released.

Though Laliberté and the Cirque has demanded the books be removed from shelves, Turgeon said he's never had a title more

in demand in 30 years of publishing. In less than a week, 11,000 French copies were sold in Quebec alone.

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## Iran's outrage finds voice online

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Metro Canada

**INTERNET** As people outraged over Iran's election results take to the streets in protest, even more are taking to the information highway, where they've found a safe venue to voice their concerns in the face of censorship and intimidation.

Ramin Joubin, 28, who was born in Iran and grew up in Vancouver, said the Iranian community is "empowered" by blogging, Tweeting and instant messaging about the riots in Tehran.

"(Postings) on Twitter and Facebook is bringing awareness on the issues," Joubin said.

"It really brings people together (and) allows them

to interact and bridge gaps."

On June 12, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad claimed a landslide victory over reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi in a national election.

Millions of Iranians claimed the election was rigged, leading to deadly protests on the streets of Tehran.

The Internet has since been swarmed with forums and debates on the issue, with videos of violent protests, Facebook groups and real-time Twitter updates popping up.

### VideoOnline

The Internet was quietly feeding Iranian dissent long before this election at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

## Pulp, paper plan in works

**LUMBER** Canada is expected to lay out plans today to aid the country's pulp and paper industry, which says it has become the unintended victim of a tax windfall enjoyed by U.S. rivals.

Ottawa has been scrambling to come up with a response to the U.S. "black liquor" tax credit, which critics say has been misused by some American

pulp mills, allowing them to overproduce at a time when the pulp market is already saturated.

Canada's forestry industry has been hammered by the economic crisis and the collapse of the U.S. housing market and Ottawa has been under pressure to provide some assistance after coming to the aid of the auto sector.

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A 74-year-old British amateur gardener who won a 25 million pound lottery prize said yesterday he would spend part of his winnings hiring an expert to learn how to grow better carrots. Brian Caswell said he had always struggled with the vegetable. **REUTERS**

**Money can buy carrot know-how**

# World



## Waitress walks free after killing official

A Chinese waitress who killed a government official when he assaulted her was set free yesterday, ending a case that sparked debate over widespread abuse of power. Deng Yujiao, left, was originally detained on suspicion of murder but was found guilty of the lesser charge of causing injury with intent. Deng stabbed township official Deng Guida to death at a bathhouse on May 10 when he assaulted her after she refused to provide sex. **REUTERS**

## U.S. urges Twitter to delay upgrade

**IRAN** The U.S. State Department contacted the social networking service Twitter over the weekend to urge it to delay a planned upgrade that could have cut daytime service to Iranians, a U.S. official said yesterday. Social networking service Twitter delayed a planned upgrade to avoid cutting daytime service to Iranians who have been using it to co-ordinate protests against a disputed presidential election. Websites such as Twitter and Facebook have become a focal point for young Iranians opposed to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who defeated Mirhossein Mousavi in Friday's election and whose government controls the state media. **REUTERS**

## Iran won't annul vote

Guardian Council may re-tally; seven killed in protests

**Iran's top legislative body yesterday ruled out annulling a disputed presidential poll that has prompted the biggest street protests since the 1979 Islamic revolution, but said it was prepared for a partial recount.**

In what appeared to be a first concession by authorities to the protest movement, the 12-man Guardian Council said it was ready to re-tally votes in the poll, in which hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the runaway winner. But the powerful Council rejected reformist calls to annul Friday's election, which set off swift-moving political turmoil, riveting attention on the

### Media ban in Iran

Iran yesterday banned foreign media from leaving their offices to cover protests on the streets of Tehran. The Culture

Ministry said journalists could work from their offices but that it was cancelling accreditation for all foreign media.

world's fifth biggest oil exporter, locked in a nuclear dispute with the West.

State television said the "main agents" in post-election unrest had been arrested with explosives and guns. It gave no further details. Supporters of Mir Hossein Mousavi, outraged at what they viewed as a stolen election, had planned another big rally yesterday, even though seven people were killed on Monday on the fringes of a vast march

through the streets of Tehran. But state television showed live pictures of thousands of Ahmadinejad supporters gathering at the Vali-ye Asr Square before any Mousavi supporters arrived, and authorities banned the opposition rally.

Mousavi urged his supporters to stay away from the square "to protect lives" and avoid possible confrontation with security forces and Ahmadinejad backers. **REUTERS**

## U.S., South Korea show united front to North

**KOREA** U.S. President Barack Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak presented a united front to North Korea yesterday, saying Pyongyang must abandon its nuclear weapons program and will not be rewarded for provoking a crisis.

With Lee at his side in the White House Rose Garden, Obama said a nuclear-armed North Korea would pose a "grave threat" to the world and vowed that new UN sanctions against the reclusive communist-ruled nation would be strictly enforced. He promised to end a cycle of allowing North Korea to create a nuclear crisis, then granting concessions in the form of food,

fuel and other incentives to get Pyongyang to back down, only to later see it renege on its promises.

In a development on a case that has caused further tensions with Washington, the official North Korean news agency KCNA gave its first details of the case of two U.S. journalists it sentenced to 12 years of hard labour last week, saying they were trying to slander the state.

"We are following with a high degree of vigilance the attitude of the U.S. which spawned the criminal act against the DPRK," KCNA said. The reporters, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, work for media outlet Current TV. **REUTERS**



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## City kills 36,000 dogs after rabies

**CHINA** A Chinese city has killed 36,000 stray and pet dogs in a bid to wipe out rabies, state media said yesterday, as the country considers a draft law recognizing animal rights and making such a cull illegal. Rabies has killed 12 people in Hanzhong, in the northern province of Shaanxi, where more than 6,000 people had been bitten or scratched since late May, the China Daily said.

"The monitoring data showed that the danger caused by the dogs which carried rabies virus has increased and epidemic prevention and control is urgent," Xing Tianhu, deputy mayor of the city, was quoted as saying.

International animal rights groups have criticized China for cruelty, saying millions of animals raised for their pelts, including cats and dogs, are mistreated and inhumanely killed. Animal protection organizations expressed concern over the Hanzhong cull. **REUTERS**

## Hollywood Condom protest



A young girl holds a sign during a rally in support of the use of condoms in the adult film industry in West Hollywood yesterday. The rally was organized by AIDS Healthcare Foundation in support of a legislation that would mandate the use of protection by adult actors. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**ENVIRONMENTALISM** Self-described lazy environmentalist Josh Dorfman has a plan to save the planet that is a little unorthodox — he tells people to stop feeling bad about taking long showers and driving fast cars. "Environmentalists make people feel bad, and making people feel bad is a

terrible marketing strategy," Dorfman said, explaining the concept of his new U.S. TV series, *The Lazy Environmentalist*. On the show, Dorfman shows families and business people how they can make their lives easier by making more environmentally friendly choices. In the first episode, he

analyzes a California family's trash and shows them how to recycle, compost and shop for products that produce less waste that will go to landfills.

**MIDDLE EAST** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is prepared to resume peace talks with the Palestinians that would cover core issues like

borders and refugees, his new envoy to Washington said yesterday. But ambassador Michael Oren cautioned that on the status of Jerusalem, which is also among "core" issues in the peace process, Netanyahu had a firm position that the city must be the undivided capital of Israel. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

### Ironie emblem of failure

Problems continue to plague iconic Snowbird fleet

#### TheWestView

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The Snowbirds are grounded ... again. You know about the Snowbirds? Those guys who turn up at air shows in their 40-plus-year-old jets expected to perform crowd-pleasing, death-defying manoeuvres?

Except they don't always defy death. At least seven brave pilots have died since the Snowbirds started flying back in 1971, and as the planes get longer in the tooth, the threat of fatal mechanical failure is greater than ever.

And they don't always fly. The fleet of 20 Tutor CT-114 jets has had a perma-

nent maintenance crew assigned to them since 2001, but that hasn't prevented the latest problem with the jet's ejection seat.

So they're grounded and, as I write, may not be ready for the big flypast on Parliament Hill on July 1. Not that you'll notice. The flypast takes about as long as it takes a politician to clear his or her throat.

Ahem. I've got to ask: How long are we going to keep this nonsense up?

The program costs \$10 million a year, which is a spit in the bucket in a country where we seem required to have a \$300-million

election at least as often as a flypast, but the real cost is in human lives.

And what's the point? Why are we making these people take enormous risks in ridiculously outdated technology? It's like having a team of precision gondoliers or acrobatic shepherds, only more dangerous.

Quaint, but deadly.

Maybe if they were flying around in cool, state-of-the-art technology, I could understand, but these guys are in the airborne equivalent of a 1965 Chrysler. And how many vintage Chryslers do you see on the road, never mind in the air?

These things are so obsolete, every year another component becomes impossible to repair. Maintenance crews have started salvaging dials

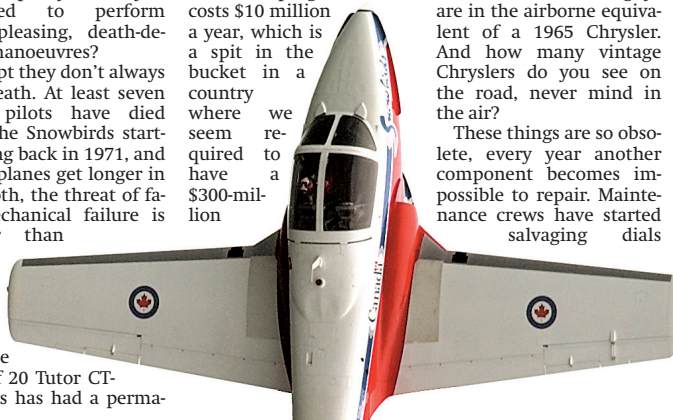
and tubes from other obsolete Canadian aircraft such as the decommissioned Hercules and sticking them on the Tutors.

Meanwhile, Canadians are busy getting blown up in Absurdistan. Our forces need all the help they can get, but instead they are hobbled with outdated, obsolete aircraft and ground equipment. If anything, the Snowbirds are an ironic emblem of the government's failure to adequately equip the people we insist on putting in harm's way.

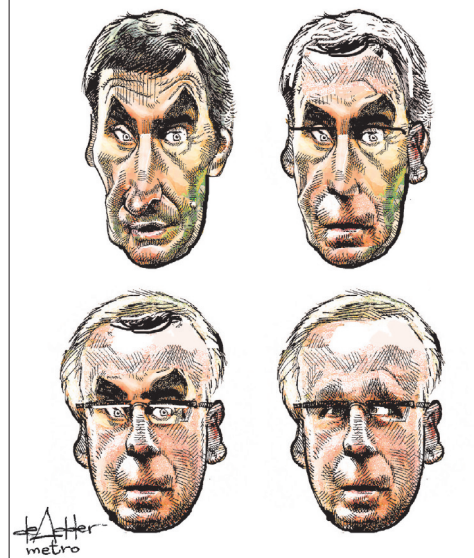
The government is seriously thinking about keeping these guys in the air until 2020, when no amount of chewing gum and binder twine will keep them airborne.

I, for one, hope they stay grounded. But I must be a communist or some other kind of subversive. But I don't mind — it's safer than being a precision gondolier.

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## IGNATIEFF THIS WEEK:



MICHAEL DE ADOR

## Worth mentioning

### Recession woes giving Obama restless nights

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday that worrying about the U.S. government's finances "keeps me awake at night" and the country needed to start planning now to tackle soaring deficits.

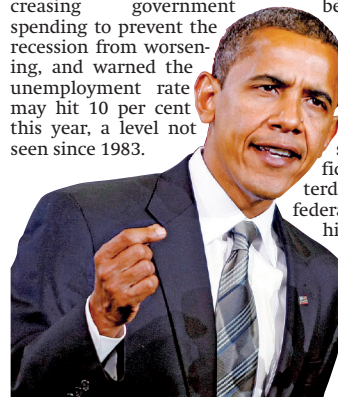
In a pair of interviews on CNBC and Bloomberg television, Obama defended increasing government spending to prevent the recession from worsening, and warned the unemployment rate may hit 10 per cent this year, a level not seen since 1983.

"There's no doubt that we've got a serious problem in terms of our long-term deficits and debt," he told CNBC. "I make no apologies for having acted short term to deal with our recession."

But he said once the recession ends, "we're going to have to close that gap between the amount of money coming in and the amount of money going out."

The Congressional Budget Office estimated yesterday that the U.S. federal deficit would hit \$1.43 trillion in fiscal 2010 under Obama's budget plan, slightly higher than it had previously forecast.

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#### Metro Online Poll Results

26% SAID YES

Are you one of the 14 per cent of Canadians who would welcome a summer election?

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## Word on the street: Should mixed martial arts be recognized as a legitimate sport in Canada?

Chris Pearce

age 19, Gander, N.L.

A: Yeah, I think so. I would consider it a sport. It's an activity — it doesn't have to be running and kicking a ball around to be a sport.

Gillian Wesley

age 23, Halifax

A: I don't think things like cage fighting should be. I think that with a sport based completely on violence, I wouldn't like to see it as a recognized sport.

Al Passmore

age 69, Halifax

A: That's too violent. They're on top of each other and the person is down and they're still pounding on them. That's not a gentleman's way of fighting.

Alison Thomson

age 19, Toronto

A: If it's a physical sport, then yeah, why not.

Matthew Rizzo

age 20, Ottawa

A: I think it should be ... because it has all the aspects of other sports — conditioning, training, dedication, motivation, competition — and I find it very entertaining.

Kevin McGivillray

age 43, Edmonton

A: Absolutely yes. It takes a lot of discipline and a lot of hard work for these fighters to be good at so many disciplines. In my opinion it's a lot safer than boxing ...



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# E-Waste



## Where can I recycle these electronics in HRM ?



### FAQ's Provincial E-Waste Program

#### Q: What is E-Waste?

**A:** The province has banned certain electronic items from landfill disposal. These items have been targeted for recycling in an industry developed and operated drop-off program.

- Televisions (TV's)
  - Computers (including laptop and notebooks)
  - Computer monitors
  - Computer printers
  - Computer CPU's
  - Cables, mice, keyboards and other components within the computer
  - Telephones (corded and cordless), Fax machines, Answering Machines
  - Audio and Video Playback and Recording Systems
  - Including radios, speakers, CD player, MP3 Players, stereos, digital cameras, video cameras and camcorders, VCR's, DVD's, clock radios, car stereo systems and home theatre in a box.
  - Computer Scanners
  - Cell phones\* & Other Wireless devices
- (\*See note next column)

#### Q: Why is E-Waste not collected curbside?

**A:** E-Waste is not a municipal recycling program.

This program is operated by the Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES) which represents electronics manufacturers. The **FREE DROP-OFF** for e-waste is supported by point of purchase fees (fee you pay when you buy new electronic items). The program was approved by the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment.

#### Q: Where can I recycle E-Waste?

**A:** The following ACES drop-off depots in HRM accept designated e-waste (with the exception of cell phones and other wireless devices.)

These are:

Halifax Central	Bin Doctor Recycling Centre	2651 Clifton Street	434-6506
Halifax North	Tanners Transfer Ltd	3791 MacKintosh Street	454-4888
Dartmouth East	Bluenose Bottle Exchange	99 Woodlawn Road	435-7178
Dartmouth Burnside	Burnside Recycling	66 Simmonds Drive	468-9190
Sackville	Fader's Bottle Exchange Ltd	15 Sackville Cross Road	864-4343
Ingramport	Friends Depot	8134 St. Margaret's Bay Rd	857-9398
Lake Charlotte	The Recycle Market	11470 #7 Highway	845-2450

For information on these depots or if you have questions or concerns call 1-877-774-3260 or visit [www.cestewardship.ca](http://www.cestewardship.ca).

The location of the depots is administered by ACES.

#### \*Q: Where can I recycle cell phones and other wireless devices?

**A:** Visit [www.recyclemycell.ca](http://www.recyclemycell.ca) for a location look-up by postal code or phone 1-888-797-1740.

There is **NO FEE** to drop items off for recycling.



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**12** Smoked salmon made by a B.C. business will be on board the space shuttle Endeavour tomorrow when it takes off for the International Space Station, CBC News Online reports. The salmon is a favourite of B.C.-born astronaut Bob Thirsk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Business

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## Air Canada seeks loan

Airline asking government for \$200M: Flaherty

**Cash-strapped Air Canada has approached the government for a loan, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday as the airline works against the clock to stave off possible bankruptcy.**

Flaherty said Canada's biggest airline was in discussions with Export Development Canada for a commercial loan. A source close to the talks said the carrier was asking the federal financing agency for about \$200 million, a third of the \$600 million the carrier says it needs in the short term.

"Air Canada has had some discussions with Export Development Canada about possibly borrowing on commercial terms, but those are discussions that are ongoing,"

**"Air Canada has had some discussions with Export Development Canada about possibly borrowing on commercial terms."**

Jim Flaherty, finance minister, said yesterday.

His comments come hours after Air Canada announced it had reached tentative agreements with the Air Canada Pilots Association and the Canadian Union of Public Employees on a 21-month moratorium on funding its \$2.9 billion

pension deficit.

An agreement with the unions on pensions and securing financing are crucial to keeping the debt-laden airline, which has been buffeted by a global slowdown in air travel and stiff competition at home, from filing for bankruptcy for the second time in six years.

The source said any loans to Air Canada would come from EDC's Canada Account, which is for transactions outside EDC's responsibility but deemed to be in the national interest.

The loan would be negotiated on a commercial basis and would not be considered by the government as a bailout. The EDC would administer the loan but the federal government would take on the risk. **REUTERS**

## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### Newsroom layoffs:

Cape Breton Radio issued layoffs to most of its newsroom staff last week. Two people were given layoffs Friday, leaving only one person to direct the news at three Maritime Broadcasting System stations in Sydney.

### Truro budget input:

The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce wants to be given adequate time to offer its input on the town's budgeting process. The largest business group in the region asked the town if its board of directors could be consulted directly during future budget deliberations.

### Demolition imminent:

Two of Berwick's oldest houses will be demolished, making way for nine duplexes and one single-family home near the downtown core. Berwick council approved by a count of 5-2 entering a development agreement with A&F Holdings on the project.

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## Newfoundland, Hibernia group agree on oilfield

**PROJECT** The government of Newfoundland and Labrador has signed a memorandum of understanding with a consortium that includes Exxon Mobil Corp. to develop the 220-million barrel Hibernia South oilfield off the province's coast.

The new field will augment existing production from the Hibernia oilfield, 315 kilometres southeast of St. John's.

The agreement will see Hibernia's backers agree to surrender a 10 per cent equity stake in the new field to the province and pay higher royalties.

A formal agreement between Newfoundland and Hibernia's partners is expected to be signed next February, the provincial government said in a statement. There is still no timetable for the development of the field. **REUTERS**

## Switzerland Breaking through



A miner holds a statue of St. Barbara, patron saint of miners, as he is welcomed by colleagues after breaking through the section Erstfeld-Amsteg at the construction site of the NEAT Gotthard Base Tunnel yesterday. With a length of 57 kilometres crossing the Alps, the world's longest train tunnel should become operational at the end of 2017.

## Business in brief

**WEB** MySpace said it will cut 30 per cent of its staff to lower costs as it struggles to stay popular in the face of rising competition. MySpace will be left with about 1,000 employees, it said in a statement released yesterday.

**TELECOM** Ownership

restrictions that prevent foreign players from buying or holding majority stakes in Canadian telecom companies are stifling competition and should be changed, the chief executive of Manitoba Telecom Services said yesterday.

**REUTERS**

## RIM aims for broad appeal with new BlackBerry

**WIRELESS** Research In Motion is adding another smartphone to its BlackBerry lineup as it aims to win market share among both executives and mainstream consumers despite tough economic conditions.

The new model is known as the BlackBerry Tour and falls somewhere between the BlackBerry Curve, which has proved very popular with consumers, and the BlackBerry Bold, which RIM has aimed at high-end corporate users.

Even though the device isn't drastically different from many other BlackBerry handsets in appearance, RIM co-chief executive Jim Balsillie said the Tour is a "big step forward."

It is what RIM calls a "world phone," which means it can easily access voice and data services on networks outside the user's home country. This has proven popular with business users in the past.

To appeal to the retail market, the Tour is loaded with multimedia features similar to those found in the BlackBerry Curve and Pearl.

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Michelle Wie has failed to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open. Wie shot a 74 in the second round of qualifying yesterday, and missed by one shot. It will be the first major Wie has missed this year. Also failing to qualify were Natalie Gulbis and 18-year-old rookie Vicky Hurst. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Tiger headed to N.S.

Tiger Woods will be in Nova Scotia on Friday, June 26, for the Nike Golf Invitational private charity event at Fox Harb'r Golf and Spa Resort near Wallace. Former NBA great Charles Barkley and golf instructor Hank Haney will also appear.

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## Golfer's dream on the upswing

David Williamson joins Canadian Tour, putting him one step closer to the PGA

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### David Williamson is chasing his childhood dream.

The Halifax native has embarked on a professional golfing career, qualifying for the Canadian Tour last month and travelling across the country this summer to as many events as he can find the money to attend. For a guy who became interested in golf at the age of two, he couldn't be happier.

"I have videos when I was young saying how I wanted to be on the (PGA) tour and playing professional golf," Williamson recalls. "This is the first logical step toward doing it."

The Ashburn member is coming off a phenomenal year of amateur golf that saw him win the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick championships. He spent the winter training in Florida and earned his way onto the Canadian Tour in May by tying for fourth in the 53-player field at Spring Q-School.

He's since participated in a pair of tour events in British Columbia, and although he didn't make the cut in either of them, he's using the experience to develop his game.

The Canadian Tour is made up of golfers from



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all over the world and is seen as a springboard to Nationwide.

"I'm realizing very quickly that it's an extremely high level and something I'm not really used to," he said. "But I've had the past week off to

### Upcoming

Upcoming events on the Canadian Tour:

- June 22 — \$150,000 ATB Financial Classic, Calgary.
- June 29 — \$150,000 Telus Edmonton Open, Edmonton
- July 6 — \$150,000 Saskatchewan Open, Saskatoon
- July 13 — \$200,000 Players Cup, Winnipeg

breathe, take it all in, and realize what I need to do to go forward and compete for a win."

He said his journey isn't easy financially. But he held a fundraiser at Ashburn last year, secured a two-year commitment from his title sponsor, RoofTight Construction, and is sleeping on friends' couches as he traverses the nation.

Williamson, 24, won't start seeing major financial kickbacks unless he graduates to Nationwide, which picks up more than 10 Canadian Tour golfers each year.

The Simon Fraser grad hopes to chase his dream for three to five years to see if he can crack the next level.

"It's something I've trained so hard for, the past few years," he said. "Now that it's actually happening, it's a little surreal. It's fun, but it's a hell of a lot of work."

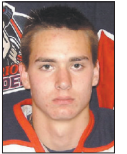
## Rocket raise possibility of back-door deal at draft

**QMJHL** The P.E.I. Rocket is miffed at the Brent Andrews situation.

Andrews, a native of Hunter River, P.E.I., was drafted 15th overall by the Halifax Mooseheads in the QMJHL draft earlier this month, despite telling all interested teams — including the Rocket — that he was headed the NCAA route.

The 15-year-old forward has a full scholarship available from the University of Maine, if he wants it.

The Mooseheads say they took a risk. Rocket general manager and scout Kent Hudson told the Charlottetown Guardian



Brent he dislikes Andrews the optics of a possible back-door deal.

"We just hope the kid was up front with us," said Hudson, who added that Brent's father, Byron, assured the Rocket that Brent would never report to Charlottetown.

The Rocket ended up taking Quebec defenceman Jimmy Olinny.

Hudson said he wants it to be a level playing field and doesn't want larger markets and owners with deeper pockets to have an unfair advantage in luring players.

"As a franchise, we all should have the same access to these kids," he said.

"It makes it difficult for us to compete."

Andrews, who is deciding whether to go Halifax, isn't getting caught up in the optics of the situation.

"It's their opinion, I guess. I had no real deal with Halifax. I guess they just took a gamble," said Andrews.

"Me? I just want to make sure I get a good balance of school and hockey."

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### Sports in brief

**MMA** Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant could be a part of historic UFC 100, according to a report on mmaweekly.com. Grant, who won his debut on the Ultimate Fighting Championship circuit in April, has agreed to face unbeaten Dong Hyun Kim (11-0-1) of South Korea, according to the report. The event is scheduled for July 11 in Las Vegas.

**BASEBALL** The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians have loaded up their roster for nationals with two-time Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League most valuable player Ian Lockhart. The Kentville Wildcats' veteran shortstop will join Truro Bearcats infielder-pitcher Craig Higgins on the Canadians' roster at the event, which runs Aug. 20-23 in Dart-

mouth and Halifax.

**VOLEYBALL** Sander Ratsep and Max Burt of the Dalhousie Tigers have been named to the Canada's men's volleyball roster for the Summer Universiade from July 1 to 12 in Belgrade, Serbia. Ratsep was Atlantic University Sport's MVP last season. Burt, from Gander, N.L., is in his third year. The squad won silver at the 2007 Universiade in Bangkok, Thailand.

**PBL** The Premier Basketball League announced yesterday it is establishing a "fan committee" to provide input to league executives. Interested Halifax Rainmen fans can learn more about the committee online at pblproball.com.

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## Balsillie not throwing in towel

**NHL** Jim Balsillie isn't giving up hope.

The billionaire, however, chose not to show up for a news conference called on his behalf, letting others do his speaking for him when it comes to his continued pursuit of the Phoenix Coyotes.

"His commitment remains completely unchanged," said Balsillie spokesman Bill Walker, saying his boss was busy with work as co-founder of Research in Motion the day after a judge rejected his \$212.5-million (U.S.) offer to buy and relocate the team. "He's committed to Hamil-

### "The part about the bid being dead is dead wrong."

Richard Rodier

ton, he's committed to Copps Coliseum.

"He just sees this as another day at the office. He's moving forward. He's completely unfazed. What's next? is his question."

What next, indeed. The Toronto Maple Leafs weren't smoking victory cigars by any stretch after Judge Redfield T. Baum de-railed — temporarily, at least — Balsillie's bid to put

a team in Hamilton. Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment president Richard Peddie again referred all questions to the NHL.

"We'll see," was all deputy commissioner Bill Daly had to say yesterday.

The NHL will be paying the bills of the Coyotes and, as a secured creditor, will be first in line to get its money back when the team is ultimately sold. The team will go up for auction Sept. 10 and it's the NHL's job to find a buyer to keep the team in Phoenix. If none can be found, it will be forced to allow the team to relocate.

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**Car entertainment most desired: Study**

Among consumers who plan to purchase a vehicle in the near future, select entertainment- and connectivity-related features are among the most desired technologies for their consideration, according to a recent J.D. Power and Associates study. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Metro Drive



## Students with a Vue

A student team from the University of Victoria placed second in the 2009 the EcoCAR Challenge, Canadian Driver reports. The competition focused on improving fuel efficiency in a 2009 Saturn Vue while retaining the car's performance and appeal. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Brabus in bloom

## smart introduces its performance version

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada

**When Mercedes-Benz Canada started importing the smart car in 2004, I thought it would never last.**

I laughed when it was announced plans were to sell 1,000 in the first year. The smirk was erased when almost 4,000 were bought. As of May 1 of this year it was 14,683 smarts on Canadian roads and counting.

The smart (always with a lower case "s") began as an idea by Swatch watch founder Nicolas Hayek as a car for the same kind of fashion conscious but budget-minded people who bought his watches.

The concept was good, but the execution was troubled. That caused Swatch's partner, Mercedes-Benz, to step in and take over the project.

### 2009 smart fortwo Brabus

**Type:** Two-seat coupe/convertible  
**Price:** \$24,900; as tested, \$25,698.  
**Engine:** 1.0-litre (999 cc), inline, three-cylinder (70 hp, 68 lb/ft)

#### Highlights

- Enhanced performance
- Cutting-edge interior



Smart is celebrating its tenth anniversary with a special performance Brabus in coupe and cabriolet; (Right) The smart's interior remains very avant-garde but has been toned down slightly.

Now available in the U.S. as well as Canada, one of the reasons it's selling so well is consumers have begun rethinking what they really need. When you consider an inner city vehicle only travels an average of 29 km per day and sits idle 95 per cent of the time, having a great, hulking SUV downtown doesn't make a lot of sense.

The second generation smart was introduced in

2008 and while it looks similar, much has changed. It's still called the fortwo (for two passengers), is still less than three metres long and it still has that cheeky, playful look about it that always makes people smile.

However, the changes start with the engine. The turbo diesel of the first generation was dropped in favour of gasoline. The power plant remains a diminutive three-cylinder but now

it's 1.0-litres (999 cc actually versus 799 cc with the diesel) producing 70 hp and 68 lb/ft of torque. That's 30 more hp than the 40 hp of the previous engine. But the diesel had slightly more torque at 74 lb/ft. That's enough to see the new smart go from 0-100 km/h in 13.3 seconds with a top speed limited to 145 km/h. Fuel consumption is listed at 5.9/4.8/5.4L/100 km city/highway/combined.

While the smart is still offered as the base "pure" coupe (\$14,990), the "passion" coupe (\$18,250) and "passion" cabriolet (\$21,250), smart is now celebrating its tenth anniversary with the introduction of the Brabus in either coupe or cabriolet.

It builds on the passion and adds enhanced performance through freer exhaust tuning plus chassis and suspension compo-

nents. Compared to the size of the car, the "Monoblock VII" Brabus wheels look huge.

Everything is done in leather, brushed aluminum and stainless steel coupled with Brabus-only black-on-black or silver-on-silver paint. The body features Brabus side skirts, front spoiler with optional foglights and rear valance finished off with a pair of 76 mm, chrome tailpipes.



The BMW 5 Series Gran Turismo features new packaging features for a premium car plus the range is powered by an all turbo-charged engine line-up with new eight-speed automatic transmission.

## New BMW Gran Turismo revealed

BMW has unveiled the 5 Series Gran Turismo, a car which combines an understated coupe-like silhouette to the luxurious interior of a BMW 7 Series, while at the same time giving the functionality of a BMW 5 Series Touring or X5.

The 19th distinct model shape to be offered in the BMW portfolio has a vehi-

cle length nearly on par with a BMW 7 Series to create a greater feeling of space for those inside.

This translates into the second greatest amount of legroom offered by any BMW while headroom is equivalent to that of a BMW X5. Meanwhile, boot space can be enhanced from 440 litres up to 1,700 litres, only

50 litres behind the capacity of the BMW X5 and the second largest space compared to all current BMWs.

The BMW 5 Series Gran Turismo is available as either a four-seat Executive specification car for a luxurious feel or in a five-seat SE configuration for a blend of sophistication and practicality.

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The all-new 2010 Volvo XC60, initially launched with a 3.0-litre turbocharged six-cylinder engine, will now also be offered with a 3.2-litre six-cylinder, along with a new R-Design package. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Mad, mad Model T

AutoPilot

**Mike Goetz**

metronews.ca/autopilot

Finally, I now know why cupholders were not standard equipment in 1908.

This is because I just drove a Ford Model T. To do so requires all your three hands, all your three feet, and a keen and constant appreciation of your mortality. At least until you get the hang of it.

The opportunity came from Ford Canada, who rounded up three Model Ts and their owners, as a sort

of side dish for us auto scribes, who had come to its Oakville, Ont., headquarters for a Fiesta ride and drive event.

We had our pick of three different Model Ts, and I chose Ken Gibson's 1926 Touring model. Ken said he would drive first, to show me the ropes.

The thing that makes the Model T a driving experience like no other is its "planetary" type transmission, and Ford's odd way of hooking it up to the motor. Net result: The Model T has three floor pedals, and not one of them is an accelerator.

During a short drive across the parking lot, Ken explained it all thoroughly, and even though I nodded at all the right intervals, I felt it slipping all away.

But I still wasn't too wor-

ried when I slid over to the driver's seat — it was a big parking lot with not too many obstructions. At the very worst, I could keep circling until I figured things out and/or we ran out of gas.

So here's the drill... Release the hand brake and push the left-most (clutch) pedal all the way down to the floor.

This immediately launches you into forward motion, in first gear. If you want to stay in first gear you have to keep that pedal pinned to the floor.

Releasing the pedal all the way throws you into the only other gear — high.

To stop, you need to get off the gas (via the throttle lever mounted on the steering column), push the clutch pedal more or less midway to find neutral, and then use the right-foremost



Columnist Michael Goetz recently drove a Ford Model T.

pedal, apparently called the brake.

I didn't try it, but here's what one of my all-time favourite authors, E.B. White, thought of the Model T's planetary reverse system.

"The Fords were obviously conceived in madness; any car which was capable

of going from forward to reverse without any perceptible mechanical hiatus was bound to be a mightily challenging thing to the human imagination."

And this is from his famous 1936 essay, Farewell, My Lovely, which is a wistful look back and affirmation of all things Model T.

In 1999, a panel of 132 experts in 32 countries judged the Ford Model T to be the most influential car of the 20th century.

So a hell of a car? Yes. Easy to drive? Not so much.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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The Porsche-inspired X-Series grill.



**For motorsports heritage**

A new Canadian Motorsports Heritage Foundation is now in the planning, with a goal of honouring the legends and history of racing in Canada, Canadian Driver reports **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Kia dreams big with Forte

## Stylish compact replaces Spectra

**LORNE DRURY**  
for Metro Canada



**Building compact, economical cars has been Kia's forte over the years and for 2010 the Korean manufacturer has added a new Forte to its sales arsenal.**

The 2010 Kia Forte replaces the Spectra in the Kia lineup and brings a touch of styling pizzazz that is gradually evolving for Kia, as it becomes more of a global player in the automotive marketplace.

Kia has an ambitious goal to be the "design choice brand without high product pricing" and the Forte is a great example of the current philosophy.

While not an in-your-face design, it is clean and attractive and a worthy challenger for the class leaders, Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla and Mazda3.

This is an extremely important vehicle for Kia in the most competitive class in the Canadian market. In fact, six of the top 10 cars

### 2010 Kia Forte

**Type:** Four-door compact sedan  
**Price:** \$15,695 to \$22,195  
**Engine:** 2.0-litre I-4 engine (156 hp, 144 lb/ft); 2.4-litre I-4 engine (173 hp, 168 lb/ft)

#### Highlights

- Affordable
- Bluetooth in all models
- Improved, roomy design

sold in Canada compete directly with the Forte. And almost 50 per cent of all cars sold in this country are compact models, with the Civic, Corolla and Mazda3 accounting for about 40 per cent of that total.

Heavy competition indeed, but Kia has high hopes for the Forte, a five-passenger sedan, starting at \$15,695.

Available in three trim levels, the Forte has one of the roomiest interiors in its class. Built on an entirely new platform, the Forte has a longer wheelbase than the outgoing Spectra, which al-

The 2010 Kia Forte replaces the Spectra in the lineup and brings new styling pizzazz.



lowed engineers to increase the size of the interior package with room for five adults.

The longer wheelbase also improves driving dynamics, while wider front and rear tracks increase stability on the road.

Trunk space is also up 17 per cent compared with the Spectra to 415 litres, the largest trunk capacity in its class.

Two brand new engines power the Forte. The LX and EX get a 2.0-litre DOHC in-line four-cylinder, producing 157 hp and 144 lb/ft of torque.

The top-of-the-line SX has a 2.4-litre in-line four-cylinder engine, with 174 hp and 169 lb/ft of torque. Standard on the LX and EX is a five-speed manual transmission or an optional four-speed automatic. The

SX gets a standard six-speed manual or an optional five-speed automatic with Sportmatic sequential manual shift.

Even at the entry level, the Forte is well equipped with six airbags (dual front, dual front side and dual curtain), four-wheel disc brakes, ABS, power windows/locks/heated mirrors, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and a four-

speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 audio system with auxiliary and USB input ports.

Fuel economy is impressive—8.3L/100 km (34 mpg) city and 5.8L/100 km (49 mpg) highway with the manual transmission and 8.1/5.8L/100 km (35/49 mpg) with the automatic.

Ride and handling was good for a compact, offering a significant improvement over the outgoing Spectra.

## Do you know your tire's date of birth?

**JIL MCINTOSH**  
for Metro Canada



Wine and cheese can definitely improve with age. But those same passing years can have a detrimental affect on many other things, including your tires.

You've been told to replace them when they're old enough that the tread is worn out. But you should also be checking your tires' birthdays, and making sure they don't go beyond their "best before" date.

There are no regulations on tire age, although Transport Canada recommends not using tires that have been stored for more than six years, and replacing all tires at ten years from the date of their manufacture.

Your tire carries its birthday on its sidewall, but right now, the code isn't necessarily consumer-friendly.

It's not always easy to figure it out, or even to find it, since it currently doesn't have to be on both sides of the tire, and yours



Your tire carries its manufacturing date on its sidewall, but right now, the code isn't necessarily consumer-friendly.

might be on the side you can't easily see.

You're looking for a three- or four-digit number at the end of the tire identification number, which is a series of letters and numbers that starts with "DOT."

If it's a four-digit number, the first two are the week the tire was made, and the last two are the year: 4207, for example, means it was made in the 42nd week of 2007.

The number went to four digits in 2000, so if you've only got three, go back a decade: 218 means the 21st week of 1998. There's also a possibility that it could be 1988, but in any case, a tire with only three digits is too old to be on a vehicle.

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Coda Automotive is planning to introduce an affordable Chinese-made, all-electric sedan in California in 2010. The company was formed and developed under the stewardship of Miles Rubin, who markets low-speed electric vehicles under the Miles Electric Vehicles brand. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Shelby GT500: Born to be wild

PETER BLEAKNEY  
for Metro Canada



Forget the blasted economy for a moment. Ignore the fact that Ford and its American brethren are pinned on the ropes. Set aside any left-brain notions that a 540 hp solid rear axle pony car is hopelessly irrelevant and possesses all the environmental integrity of a can of Silly String.

Now is the time to celebrate the existence of the 2010 Shelby GT500 — a joyous distraction from all the doom and gloom consuming this industry. An affirmation that, yes, deep in bowels of corporate Detroit a few nutty engineers have been given the green light to wreak some much needed mechanical mayhem.

In this case, it's the lads at Ford's SVT (Special Vehi-

cle Team) who have turned a pony into an altogether more fearsome creature.

Arriving at dealerships now are the 2010 Shelby GT500 Coupe (\$56,499) and Convertible (\$60,699), over achieving versions of the heavily revised 2010 Mustang. The oh-ten 'Stang gets a new higher-quality interior and a cleaner, more muscular body. Only the roof is a carry over.

Step up to the Shelby GT500 Coupe and you're looking at 19" forged alloys shod with bespoke Goodyear F1 Supercar tires (255/40ZR front and 285/35ZR), four inch exhaust tips, rear deck spoiler, an aggressive front fascia and double racing stripes that adorn the doors and sweep across the top of the car.

The optional \$600 Xenon headlights add an extra degree of menace.



The Shelby GT500 may be the Best mustang ever, reviewer Peter Bleakney says.

Under the domed and vented aluminum hood, a DOHC supercharged and intercooled 5.4L V8 makes 540 horsepower at 6200 r.p.m. and 510 lb.-ft. at 4500 r.p.m.

Numbers-wise, this gives

the GT500 a major leg up on its immediate competitors, the \$36,995 426 hp Camaro SS six-speed and the \$45,995 425 hp Dodge Challenger SRT-8 six-speed. Another number of some significance is the Shelby's

considerable price difference. With this 2010 model, SVT wanted to bring more balanced handling and eradicate the previous car's understeer. Front and rear spring rates were increased 13 per cent and

## 2010 Shelby GT500

Type: Sports coupe/convertible

Price: from \$56,499

Engine: 5.4L supercharged intercooled DOHC V8

Power/Torque: 540; 510 lb.-ft.

### Highlights

- Great handling
- Menacing looks and power

seven per cent respectively and the front stability bar was actually decreased in diameter to give the front more bite.

And bite it does. Over a very sinuous California coastal route, the steering felt sharp and well-weighted (sorry Challenger). And the car had loads of grip. Over smooth roads, this uber Mustang is very impressive, carving graceful arcs between bends in a ferocious, yet controlled manner.

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**U.S. plans for Nano**

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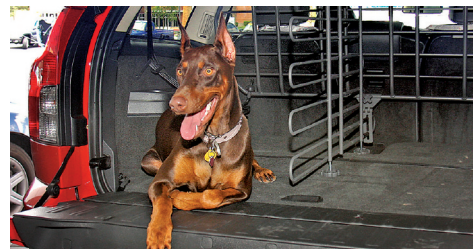
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MARK ATKINSON  
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An engine deal from Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways worth more than \$5 billion US could be the biggest news to come from this week's Paris Air Show, where the global recession has frozen sales of planes from Airbus and Boeing Co. REUTERS

Big spender

# 5 top tapas bars

Barcelona dishes up its take on tapas menu

The Catalan city of Barcelona is so popular with holidaymakers that it's hard to avoid falling into the trap of the ubiquitous tourist menu when you go out to eat.

Follow our guide, an exclusive extract from Time Out's new city guide to Barcelona, and you'll always strike lucky when you step out for tapas.

## Comerç 24

"Tapas," says Michelin-starred chef Carles Abellán, "are one Spanish thing I really like." He's not talking about the Spain he lives in, he's talking about the other Spain, the Spain that does not include Catalonia.

This passionately felt divide is one of the reasons that tapas bars in Barcelona tend to be oriented to tourism, where they exist at all. They are simply not seen as Catalan enough.

Abellán set about to change all that a few years ago, with his übercool Comerç 24. Often described by international press as an "avant-garde tapas restaurant," in fact it serves platillos, small dishes of which the diner can order several.

These are inspired by Abellán's time in the



Left, a menu and tapas dish at Tapac24. Right, a chalkboard lists the offerings available at a Barcelona tapas bar.



kitchens of El Bulli, under experimental chef Ferran Adrià, and bear little resemblance to the ham croquettes and patatas bravas to which he refers.

His newer venture, Tapac 24 redresses the balance; an old-school bar, serving traditional tapas of excellent quality. Among the lentils with chorizo and cod croquettes, however, his fans will also find playful snacks more in keeping with his previous style.

The McFoie Burger is an exercise in fast-food heaven, as is the Bikini — a small version of his signature take on the ham and cheese toastie, this one with truffle.

• Comerç 24, C/Diputació 269, Metro Passeig de Gràcia Open 9 a.m.-midnight Mon.-

Sat.; carlesabellán.com.

## Quimet i Quimet

Packed to the rafters with dusty bottles of wine, this classic but minuscule bar makes up for in tapas what it lacks in space. The specialities are conservas (shellfish preserved in tins), which aren't always to non-Spanish tastes, but montaditos, sculpted tapas served on bread, are spectacular.

Try salmon sashimi with cream cheese, honey and soy, or cod passata and black olive pate. Get there early for any chance of a surface on which to put your drink.

• Quimet i Quimet, C/Poeta Cabanyes 25, Metro Paral·lel. Open noon-4 p.m., 7-10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; noon-4 p.m. Sat.; closed Aug.

## Inopia

Inopia opened by Albert Adrià a couple of years ago, and it's been rammed ever since. As with Tapac24, the emphasis has been on a revival of old techniques and recipes, using the best ingredients.

Inopia's stark, overlit look and awkwardly L-shaped room, along with a determinedly straightforward approach was initially a disappointment for those expecting El-Bulli style culinary fireworks, but has since won over the public with a slavish devotion to finding the best-quality produce and meticulous care in its preparation.

• Inopia, C/Tamarit 104, Metro Poble Sec. Open 7-11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-3:30 p.m.,

7-11 p.m. Sat.; closed Aug. barinopia.com.

## Bar Celta

Bar Celta unapologetically '60s interior is fiercely lit, noisy and not recommended for anyone feeling a bit rough. It is, however, one of the more authentic experiences to be had in the Gòtic. A Galician tapas bar, it specialises in food from the region, such as lacón con grelos (boiled gammon with turnip tops) and good seafood, accompanied by crisp Albariño wine served in traditional white ceramic bowls. A characterful place.

• Bar Celta, C/Mercè 16, Metro Drassanes. Open noon-midnight Tues.-Sun.

## Euskal Etxea

This is a Basque cultural

centre and the best of the city's many pintxo bars. Help yourself to dainty jamón serrano croissants, chicken tempura with saffron mayonnaise, melted provolone with mango and crispy ham, or a mini-brochette of pork, but hang on to the toothpicks spearing each one: they'll be counted and charged for at the end.

• Euskal Etxea, Placeta Montcada 103, Metro Barcelona or Jaume I. Open bar 7 p.m.-midnight Mon.; noon-5 p.m., 7 p.m.-midnight Tue.-Sat. Restaurant 8:30-11:30 p.m. Mon.; 1:30-4 p.m., 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

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If you're heading to the coast of Maine this month, you can take in the annual unfurling of Maine's windjammer fleet. The historical schooners take visitors for tours of the coast's harbours, islands and fishing villages; see [sailmainecoast.com](http://sailmainecoast.com). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



# The rise of the babymoon

## Up-market hotels increasingly cater to maternity holidays

EMMA E. FORREST  
Metro World News

One of the first things people say when you tell them that you're expecting a baby is that you must immediately book your final exotic holiday before your life changes forever.

It's overdramatic to suggest that having a baby means you'll never have another exciting vacation in your life. However it is a good time for expectant parents to spend time together, stock up on some sleep, have someone else do the cooking and visit some sights that will be less practical to navigate with a baby buggy.

People have different ideas of what they'd like to do on their last child-free holiday with partner or best friend, depending on how anxious or adventurous they're feeling.

Do you want to lounge on a faraway beach, have your last crazy adventure or splash out on a luxurious romantic break?

You could indulge in your favourite sport or rest somewhere low-key and reassuringly close to home.

There are some practical considerations, however. In the first trimester pregnant women can suffer from morning sickness, phenomenal tiredness and weird food cravings; and in the last trimester they not only feel huge, but they're exhausted, too.

So the ideal time to go is during the middle three months. Most airlines let you fly until 36 weeks, but will ask for a letter from your doctor after week 28.

You might fancy trekking in the middle of the jungle, but remember that pregnant women can't take malaria pills and



Left, actress Jessica Leccia shops at the Destination Maternity Madison Avenue flagship store in New York City. Right, relaxing at Little Palm Island's spa.



you might want to be somewhere near reasonable medical facilities. And even if the mother-to-be is no longer slave to her cravings, you don't want to go anywhere where you might get food poisoning.

I took my first babymoon with my oldest friend, who lives in Washington, D.C. and was 27 weeks pregnant. She suggested an expedition to Peru until I asked how she'd feel if she went into labour at high altitude in the Andes, far away from her nice obstetrician.

My holiday choices were more restricted; pregnant by about 10 weeks, I could only face eating hamburgers or apples.

This made Miami the ideal destination, with its mix of glamour, shopping, beaches, good weather, access to superlative medical care — thanks to its popu-

lation of wealthy pensioners — and of course, top quality burgers.

In Miami we gave a nod to our Sex and the City days by shopping at American Apparel and sipping virgin cocktails on the rooftop bar of the trendy Gansevoort hotel.

Then we headed down the Florida Keys to the ultimate babymoon destination, Little Palm Island. An idyllic retreat on a tiny private island surrounded by the azure waters of the Caribbean, it offers fabulous food, a pool, activities from fishing to kayaking and snorkelling and a pampering spa with maternity massages on the menu, that can form part of one of their babymoon packages; [littlepalmisland.com](http://littlepalmisland.com).

The so-called babymoon is a big trend with upmarket hotels and there are plenty of indulgent pack-

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ages you can book. Take a city break in Vienna and book the Luxury Before Birth package at The Ring hotel, which includes two nights in a top room, massages for both parents, a limousine tour through Vienna and gifts; [theringhotel.com](http://theringhotel.com).

In London there's the Mum to Be package at the Metropolitan Hotel which includes a free tote bag and hydrating mist, pregnancy massage and breakfast; [metropolitan.com.bz](http://metropolitan.com.bz).

Alternatively, book a spe-

cialist Mama Mio treatment or sign up for a Relax & Indulge overnight stay at the gorgeous, wood-panelled Brown's Hotel in Mayfair, which involves a relaxing aromatherapy for Daddy-to-be and a Mellow Mama massage for the mother to be; [roccoportecollection.com](http://roccoportecollection.com). For a romantic break in the English countryside explore the breathtaking UNESCO-listed city of Bath then relax at beautiful country house hotel Lucknam Park and enjoy one of the Anne Semolin mother-to-be face

and body treatments in their new spa; [lucknam-park.co.uk](http://lucknam-park.co.uk).

If you're looking for something more exotic chill out with expert pregnancy spa treatments at boutique hotel Thalassa in Cyprus, [thalassa.com.cy](http://thalassa.com.cy), or babymoon at Montpelier Plantation on the Caribbean island of Nevis, with candlelit dinners overlooking the island of St. Kitts, a romantic picnic on the hotel's private beach, a tour of Nevis and massages for both of you; [montpeliernevis.com](http://montpeliernevis.com).

If you're on a budget, create your own babymoon and book a spa treatment independently. Massages are great for relaxing your mind and soothing your ever-stretching skin, but only if they're tailored with products and techniques that are safe for your bump.

**JESSIE JAMES**

Lunenburg personifies the Age of Sail. Grab your camera and let's hit the trail. With festivals galore life is seldom a bore so take a seat and let me be your feet.

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## Travel in brief

**WALES** A new visitor centre has opened at the top of Mount Snowdon in Wales, replacing an old café once dubbed Britain's highest slum by Prince Charles. Perched 1,067 metres up, the imposing granite building, which cost \$14 million US, offers spectacular views from the peak of the highest mountain in England and Wales. Over 350,000 people visit the area annually. **RAILWAYS** More than 40 years

since Dr. Richard Beeching broke the heart of train enthusiasts in Britain by slashing the rail network, plans have been lodged for a partial reversal of his cuts. Train operators are pressing for an \$800-million-US expansion of the network to meet soaring demand for rail travel. A report identifies 14 lines in England and around 40 new stations that could collectively serve more than a million extra passengers. **REUTERS**

# European rock festivals fight financial washout

**The Prodigy or Fatboy Slim are not enough to persuade Dorina Keresztes to fork out for a rock festival ticket this summer. She says she will find other ways to party.**

"Lounging in a park drinking wine with friends is, you know, free," said the 22-year old student from Budapest.

Glastonbury in Britain may be a sell-out, but in the north and east of Europe from Denmark's Roskilde to Romania's B'efest and Hungary's Sziget, the uncertainties of recession are making 2009 as a rock festival "summer of love" a hard sell.

As some sponsors pull out, the discounts on offer look geared to publicity. Bring 45 people to Sziget — usually Europe's third-largest event after Roskilde and Glastonbury — and all can go half price, organizers say.

Other festivals are post-

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poning planned price hikes, particularly in eastern Europe where the crisis has fallen on countries with already much slimmer economic cushions than in the West. Many have had to scale back.

As a purely discretionary pastime, festivals have to strike the right balance between price and value, says Christof Huber, general secretary of Yourope, an organization of Europe's summer festivals. "That could be difficult this year."

"As we raise prices to catch up with festivals in western Europe, the Hungarian audience slowly melts," said Gabor Takacs, financial director of Sziget. "But to westerners, this is still cheap."

Sziget has in recent years drawn French, German,

Dutch and British visitors by its affordability relative to their home events, he said.

A six-day pass for Sziget, which means "island" and takes place on an island in the Danube river, costs 150 euros (\$208) — more affordable to a German on average take-home pay of 2,140 euros per month than to a Hungarian, who earns an average of 475 euros, according to the latest Eurostat data.

"That (price) is obscene," said Keresztes. "The ticket price is only the beginning. You have to eat, drink, smoke..."

Denmark's Roskilde, the largest festival in Europe by visitor days, is feeling the Nordic chill, spokesman Esben Danielsen said.

"Sales in Denmark are

going very well," Danielsen said. "But a third of our audience comes from other parts of Northern Europe. These days in Iceland, which nearly went bankrupt, or in Sweden, where the krone weakened a lot, we don't do so well."

Even among festivals that fill up months before opening day, there is an urgency.

Glastonbury, Britain's largest festival with about 600,000 visitor days, managed to sell out by putting tickets on sale in October to avoid falling behind rival events. According to spokesman Chris Aubrey, the last stubs this year were gone by April.

On the bright side the prospect of dry, sunny weather is a lure for the Britons who might opt out of the traditional Glastonbury mudfest. Spain's Benicassim festival, offering a Mediterranean beach a few steps away, also sold out by April. **REUTERS**



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# Workology

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## What's Twitter?

According to a new study from Ipsos Reid, 74 per cent of Canadian Internet users are unaware of Twitter. Of those who are aware of the microblogging website, just six per cent reported having used it. At 32 per cent, Twitter awareness was the highest amongst 18- to 34-year-olds and 34 per cent of online Canadians with a university education know about the site.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Healthy body, mind and spirit

## Head to Toe

BRIAN COULTON  
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**For seven years, Chris Dunphy sat behind a desk, giving people financial advice on behalf of RBC. Now, you'd be hard pressed to find him sitting at all.**

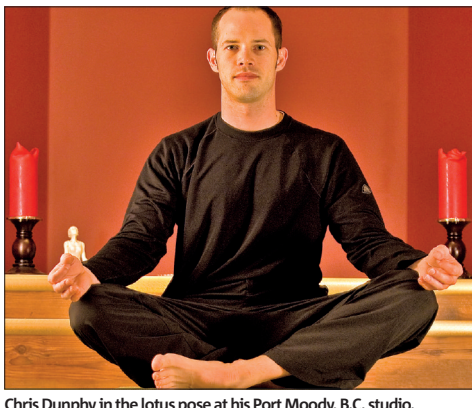
"I thought I was more a part of the problem as opposed to part of the solution — giving people loans, credit lines, advising on their finances and watching their self-worth rise and fall with the value of their RSPs," he said on the phone from Port Moody, B.C.

Dunphy, 35, left the secu-

rity of the institution, trading in dollars for downward dogs. Always athletic, and slowly realizing the limitations of an aging body, he decided to make a 180-degree career change and pursue yoga instruction.

"I found people were wrapped up in the material," he said. "Yoga gets you out of that and says all the rest of this stuff is just frills. If you can't be happy with yourself, no amount of frills is going to make you happy."

He shed excess, refinanced his home and opened Newport Yoga Studio in Port Moody in late 2006. Now, his studio offers 15 different kinds of yoga and pilates classes, taught by nine different instructors.



Chris Dunphy in the lotus pose at his Port Moody, B.C. studio.

To become a certified teacher, Dunphy took an intensive 200-hour course at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga on Salt Spring Island,

B.C. Standards to become certified vary across regions. But the international body Yoga Alliance outlines educational requirements

necessary to be dubbed a registered yoga teacher (RYT) that include technique, teaching, anatomy and philosophy training over a 200- or 500-hour period.

"Once you get into yoga instruction, you're a yoga student for the rest of your life," said Dunphy. From hatha yoga, which uses poses to promote flexibility and relieve stress to laughter yoga, which uses breathing exercises and chanting to stimulate laughter, Dunphy said there are dozens of styles to try out. "There are so many areas to continue to learn and grow in terms of teaching and practice."

One area he's grown in is the spiritual side of yoga. As yoga means "union" of the mind, body and spirit, it's

separate from other modes of exercise that are usually bound solely to the body. Admittedly far to the physical end of the yoga continuum when he started, Dunphy said he learned to embrace its other spheres, motivated by his passion to help others.

"I think one particular part of yoga grabs you and then from there you really start to investigate the other parts," he said. "You can take them as deep or as shallow as you really want to take it. That's the beauty of yoga — it's got something for everybody."

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## Think twice about resumé lies

### WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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Too many employees operate under the delusion that minor lies on their resumé will not be uncovered or, if they are, will not matter. They may be mistaken. When will lying on your resumé leave you looking for new work?

- The false statement must be connected to the

knowledge and qualifications the employer had in mind when recruiting you for the position. If the statement was about something completely unrelated to the position, you might be dishonest, but it may not be severe enough for a judge to consider it cause for dismissal.

- The content of the dishonest statements is important. Some false statements are actually viewed as less serious than others. For example, exaggerating your fluency in French, in most circumstances, won't be cause for termination, assuming that speaking French is not a specific requirement of that job. How-

ever, lying about having a specialized degree would probably be viewed as a serious workplace offence, considering that educational achievements are preferred considerations for most companies, regardless of the position being sought.

- The company must have relied on the statements you've made. In other words, if the company would not likely have hired you but for your dishonest statement, that conduct could justify your termination.

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# Entertainment

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## Golden Girl says 'yes'

The Proposal's Betty White keeping busy at age 87

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News

**Before we even get started with our interview, Betty White wants to make one thing clear: She loves Canadians. Absolutely adores them. "I wish Americans could take manners lessons from them. They are so nice," she gushes. "We get some rather rude, hurried people here sometimes."**

Best known for her iconic roles on The Golden Girls and The Mary Tyler Moore Show, 87-year-old White is still quite active professionally, making regular guest appearances on The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and

Boston Legal, and game shows like Million Dollar Password.

She's also been popping up in scene-stealing roles in films like the upcoming The Proposal, with Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

With another project co-starring Sigourney Weaver and Jamie Lee Curtis about to start, the word "retirement" doesn't even register for White — though she has earned the luxury of being picky.

"They send me scripts, and some of them are not

### Movie feature

what you might call wonderful," she confides.

To most, though, White will always be Rose Nylund, the naive Minnesota native sharing a

house with three friends in The Golden Girls. The recent passing of co-stars Estelle Getty and Bea Arthur has only bolstered the show's popularity.

And the outpouring of support after Arthur lost her battle to cancer earlier this year offered some comfort to the grieving White. "She meant so

much to so many people. It was heartening to see how much they rallied."

Saying goodbye, especially so soon after Getty passed away, was tough but necessary. "We had to let her go. She was so sick," White says. "She was in terrible trouble, pain-wise. And the morphine couldn't reach it. But she was someone special."

White says she's been keeping in touch even more these days with Rue McClanahan, the other surviving Golden Girl. "We've been clinging to each other ever since losing Estelle and losing Bea. We want to be together," White says. "You can't work that closely and not

### Wanted sign

Angelina Jolie is set to star in **Wanted 2**. Work is currently under way on the sequel, and while her character died in the first movie, the director hopes to bring her back.

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The word "retirement" doesn't even register for Betty White, left, who can be seen next in *The Proposal* with Sandra Bullock.

**The Proposal hits theatres this Friday**

get terribly involved personally."

Another comfort has been the continuing popularity of the series, which still confounds White to some degree.

"When the DVD came out, I thought who's going to watch it? We're on four times a day. They know

the lines better than we ever did," White jokes. "But sure enough, the DVD keeps selling all over the world. I hear from Finland, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka. Will you explain to me what people see in old broads in Sri Lanka?"

Probably the same thing they do in Canada.

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### critics' corner

#### In Plain Sight

One of Mary's (Mary McCormack) witnesses, a man named Lewis (guest star Matt Davis), is trapped in a building collapse. As Mary stays with him to await rescue, it becomes clear that his injuries aren't the only thing putting his life in danger; there's a sniper on a nearby roof and a reporter outside ready to blow his cover in the new episode "Rubble With a Cause." 10 PM on CIHF



#### South Park

Warning: Sick jokes can be hazardous to your sense of humor. Cartman talks Kenny into an, um, unusual pose on school picture day, then gets the photo put on milk cartons. Butters, meanwhile, is punished for looking goofy in his photo — and it isn't his fault. 10:30 PM on COMEDY

#### Tattoo Highway

Thomas and Monica fly to Los Angeles to meet with a plastic surgeon to discuss options for Monica's breast enlargement surgery. Tommy finishes filling in a tattoo on Tyson's stomach that he had started a few years ago. Later he visits a friend to help him cover up the racist tattoos he got when he was a skinhead in the new episode "Go Big or Go Home." 11 PM on A&E



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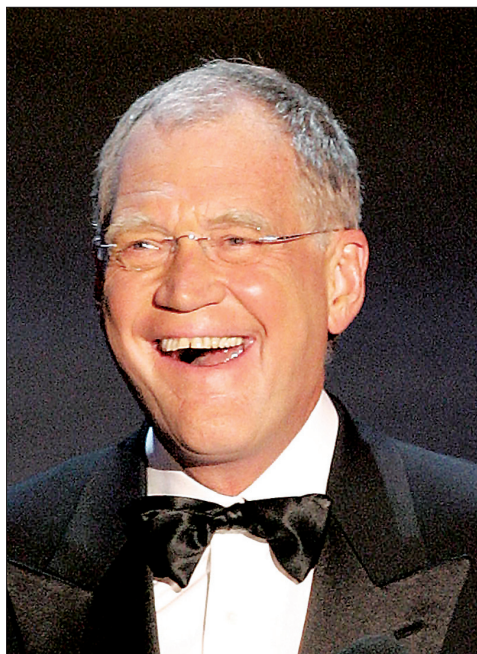
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**A&E kills The Beast**

A&E has cancelled Patrick Swayze's FBI drama *The Beast*. "(The series) has truly been a labour of love for everyone," A&E president Bob DeBitteto said, adding that "after careful deliberation," a second season was denied. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)



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# Letterman says he's sorry

## Apology accepted, Palin says on behalf of daughters

**Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has accepted late-night TV host David Letterman's apology over a sexually charged joke about her teenage daughter.**

"Of course it's accepted on behalf of young women, like my daughters, who hope men who 'joke' about public displays of sexual exploitation of

girls will soon evolve," Palin said in a statement late Monday night.

"Letterman certainly has the right to 'joke' about whatever he wants to, and thankfully we have the right to express our reaction," she said.

On the occasion of a Palin trip to New York, Letterman joked on June 8

that New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez had "knocked up" Palin's daughter during a family trip to a baseball game. The comedian apologized for the joke on his show broadcast on Monday night.

Letterman has said the joke's intended target was Palin's daughter Bristol, an

18-year-old unwed mother, but Palin and others have said it was aimed at her younger daughter, 14-year-old Willow, who was at the baseball game in New York.

In his apology, Letterman said the joke was "beyond flawed" and apologized to Palin and both her daughters.

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David Letterman, seen here in this file photo, apologized on his show for joking about baseball player Alex Rodriguez "knocking up" Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's daughter on Monday night. Palin accepted his apology "on behalf of all young women."

## Analog TV viewers left behind don't even notice

**TELEVISION** There may be a couple million homes that cannot receive a TV signal right now. But how many of those households actually watch TV regularly in the first place?

Judging from the early ratings data, not many.

More than 900 stations shut down their analog signals Friday, causing some unprepared viewers to scramble to update their equipment. Yet the percentage of households using television from Friday to Sunday night was pretty steady when compared with previous weekends.

According to Nielsen Media Research, about 52.1 per cent of households

watched TV this weekend. The weekend before that: 52.4 per cent. The weekend before that: 53.1 per cent. And before that was Memorial Day weekend, with 50.4 per cent.

Two broadcast analysts for different networks said such numbers are about what you'd expect to see as summer gets under way and does not demonstrate that the digital transition is having any impact.

With heavy sports coverage over the weekend potentially boosting the numbers, however, a firmer judgment about the transition's impact is best made in another week or two.

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## Entertainment in brief

**CASTING** Leonardo DiCaprio is attached to star in a film set in the world of online poker. The untitled Paramount project, written by Brian Koppelman and David Levien, will cover similar ground to their debut script for *Rounders*, which starred Edward Norton and Matt Damon as high-stakes underground poker players.

**NEW ROLE** Natalie Portman has agreed to play the lead in Darren Aronofsky's *Black Swan*, a supernatural thriller set in the world of New York City ballet. A veteran ballerina is locked in a competitive situation with a rival dancer — but it's unclear whether the rival is a supernatural apparition or if the protagonist is deluded.

**PREMIERES** For the first time in years, Fox will launch a fall lineup in mid to late September along most of its rivals, as the network expects fewer baseball pre-emptions next season in October, among other reasons. So *You Think You Can Dance* and *Glee* are among the weeknight offerings to begin Sept. 16. **REUTERS**

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# A role fit for a king

Anthony Head plays ruler, father to Prince Arthur in spin on classic

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**Best known as stuffy mentor Rupert Giles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Anthony Head is returning to TV screens in Merlin, a BBC import that puts a new spin on a classic British tale.**

Head takes on the role of Uther, ruthless king and father of the impetuous Prince Arthur. Between the crown and tunic and the bloodthirsty brutishness, it's about as far from Buffy's cultured occult expert Giles as you could get. And that's just how Head likes it.

"I'm lucky to be in an industry that I can do anything," he says, easing back in his chair in the dining room of a Pasadena, Calif., hotel.

"I've worked quite hard at not being pigeonholed, not being limited by a role that I've done. I've turned down an awful lot of Giles-similar roles. Like professors and librarians, an awful lot of that."

In the meantime, he's popped up in a number of British TV series, going for laughs in Little Britain and My Family, and devouring children on Doctor Who. He was even rumoured to be one of the top choices to play the new Doctor on

the long-running series, something he shrugs off.

"There have always been bets that I might be the new Doctor," he says.

Head prefers audiences get a chance to see his range. "I've done quite a few different things," he explains. To that end, he's glad that Merlin is making

the jump across the pond. But he confides that the series — a kind of Smallville version of the King Arthur legend focusing on young Arthur and the wizard as teenage pals — almost didn't make it because producers couldn't find one key element.

"They nearly can-

celled it because they couldn't find Camelot," he says. "They combed Europe, but they couldn't find anything that ticked all the boxes."

But producers discovered Chateau de Pierrefonds in northern France just in time. Restored by

Napoleon III in the 1850s, the castle has held up better than its medieval predecessors.

"It's almost new," Head jokes. "Though it's got a few bits chipped out of it from where the Germans shot at it in the Second World War."

"It's absolutely beautiful. You've got this incredible depth that you could not create on a set." And Head admits that the setting does make his job a lot easier.

"I walked in and

went, 'Oh my god, I'm king.' I don't have to do any work, because this does it," he remembers. "This makes me king. All you have to do is turn up and be present."

Nice work if you can get it.



Best known as stuffy mentor Rupert Giles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Anthony Head is returning to TV screens in Merlin.

Merlin airs this Sunday on CTV.

## Nanny backtracks on Beckhams

**COURTS** David Beckham and his wife Victoria received an apology from a former nanny at London's High Court yesterday over her disclosures of confidential information about the celebrity couple.

The case resulted from allegations made by Abbie Gibson about the private lives of the England player and his former Spice Girl wife after she had resigned from her job.

Her claims were printed in a newspaper article in April 2005, captioned "Beckhams behind closed doors."

Yesterday the couple's lawyer Gerrard Tyrrell told the High Court Gibson had now agreed to "permanent undertakings of confidentiality," the Press Association reported.

She had "unconditionally apologized to David and Victoria Beckham and their family for breaching her duties of confidence"



David and Victoria Beckham have received a public apology.

and had also withdrawn a claim for constructive dismissal, he said.

"Between May 2003 and March 2005, Ms Gibson was employed as the nanny to David and Victoria Beckham's children," Tyrrell told the court.

"After she resigned from their employment, she gave an interview to the News of the World. In this interview she disclosed private and confidential infor-

mation about the Beckhams and their family."

The judge was also told that in July 2005, The People newspaper published an article headlined "Beckham's Hate Calls To Nanny," which falsely stated that David Beckham had made insulting and threatening telephone calls to Gibson. The paper later publicly apologized and paid libel damages to Beckham.

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# Leggy model still couldn't keep in step

Tara Didon accused of 'holding back'

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
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**A penchant for holding back kept Tara Didon, 19, from moving forward as she was eliminated from Canada's Next Top Model last night.**

The tall, lean model from Chateauguay, Quebec had been frequently told by judges she had the best body of all the girls in the competition but was lack-

ing something in her pictures.

Last night's episode saw the final seven models deal with stage-fright and pronunciation issues as they tried to do a television ad, with real-life super-model Irina Lazareanu looking on for moral support. The girls were given burlap bags to wear and told to "sell it" as they tried to read a script about the history of fashion.

Confused faces and butchered designer names abounded (one contestant actually referred to iconic label Chanel as "channel") but Heather managed to project some personality to win the challenge.

For this week's photo shoot, the girls had to model with a piece of duct tape covering their mouths, showing off

that they could use their eyes to speak for them instead. Ever-imploding Rebecca had a meltdown as she thought the other girls were mocking her at her shoot while Tara yet again failed to impress judges with her photo, prompting show host Jay Manuel to call her a "woman holding back," a comment Tara had seen levelled at her by judges in

previous weeks as well.

The judges eliminated her and she became the fifth person to leave the show this season.

Didon says she had an amazing experience on the show and wholeheartedly agrees with the judges' assessment, though she does feel she could have eventually been more successful on the show.

"Definitely I did hold back during the competition. I don't really know why — I know I could have done better," Didon said.

While she doesn't think she's a particularly shy person, she admits to feeling inexperienced at modelling compared to some of the other girls in the compe-

tition.

"For me, I felt like I needed to work harder than some of the other girls to get a great picture," she said.

Now that she's off the show, Didon is taking a slew of math courses to pursue a degree in finance. While she hopes to continue to model, she will always put her family life first.

"Whatever comes my way, I'm going to take it but modelling has never been my priority in life," Didon said.



Tara Didon, 19, was voted off Canada's Next Top Model.

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## Aerosmith guitarist on the mend

**HEALTH** Aerosmith guitarist Brad Whitford hopes to re-join his bandmates early next month after a head injury prevented him from playing on their newly launched tour, fellow guitarist Joe Perry said on Sunday.

Whitford, 57, is recovering from surgery for internal bleeding after he apparently banged his head while getting out of his Ferrari about a week before the tour began last Wednesday in St. Louis.

"It built up pressure and gave him this whoopin' headache," Perry told Reuters. "He's not prone to getting migraines, so knew

something was wrong. He went right in, they did what they had to do, and now he's getting better."

The target date for Whitford's return is July 7, when the band is scheduled to play a show in Raleigh, North Carolina, Perry said. Subbing for him is Bobby Schneck, who has played with Green Day and Weezer.

Rocking out with Aerosmith can be hazardous for your health. Four out of five group members have disclosed major medical problems in the last three years, including Perry who has been plagued by a bad knee ever since he fell off a



Brad Whitford

stage in Dallas 25 years ago. He underwent knee-replacement surgery in March 2008, but was "devastated" to learn around Christmas that the area had become infected, like a "rotten grapefruit," he said, and he would need to go through the whole procedure again.

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Kate Moss keeps 100 cigarettes nearby at all times, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The supermodel loves smoking so much she reportedly makes her personal assistant leave a packet of her favourite Marlboro Lights on every table in her home before she goes to bed. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Kate the chain-smoker**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Sex vid part of smear tactic?

**NEGATIVE PR** Just one month after nude photographs allegedly featuring Rihanna hit the Internet, the singer looks to be facing a sex tape scandal.

A preview for a video supposedly featuring the singer and ex-boyfriend Chris Brown has surfaced, according to Hollyscoop, and the full video is said to be coming out June 22 — the same day as Brown's hearing in his assault case.



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### Long-distance mama Madonna

**PARENTHOOD** Madonna dotes on her newly adopted daughter Mercy James and calls her every night, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who won her appeal to adopt the four-year-old Malawian last Friday and has since moved the toddler to a luxury lodge in the country's capital, Lilongwe, told Mercy on Sunday: "Mommy is waiting for you across the seas."

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## Lindsay the jewel thief?

**SUSPECT** She may have been the last one seen wearing them, but did Lindsay Lohan steal \$400,000 US worth of Dior jewels from her Elle photo shoot?

Under investigation by Scotland Yard, the disappearance of a set of diamond earrings and a necklace was reported on June 8. The baubles were on loan for a June 6 magazine shoot, people.com reports.

"We inquired and everything from the shoot is being questioned," Lohan's rep told People. "Hair, makeup, stylist ... even

photographers. Lindsay hopes they find the jewels. She is happy to co-operate."

A police spokeswoman told People: "Inquiries are continuing and no arrests have been made. As far as who we will be interviewing



— we will be speaking to a number of people in connection with the inquiry and don't discuss the identity of the people we are planning to interview."

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Elle U.K. released a statement exonerating the 22-year-old star. "Elle has no reason to believe that Lindsay Lohan was in any way responsible and has no further comment to make."

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## Voice mail scandal made me suicidal: Alec

**BIG MISTAKE** It was a voice mail message meant to be private — Alec Baldwin's April 2007 tirade against his daughter, Ireland, accusing the then-11-year-old of being a "rude little pig" who needed to have her "ass straightened out" after she had "humiliated me

for the last time." Now, the star admits in a candid interview with Playboy he contemplated killing himself after the message was exposed, people.com reports. At the time, he and his



ex-wife, Kim Basinger, were in the sixth year of their bitter custody battle.

Describing his dark thoughts as "very serious," the 51-year-old said, "If I committed suicide, (Kim Basinger's side) would have considered that a victory. Destroying me was their avowed goal."

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## Katy bullying her fashion name twin?

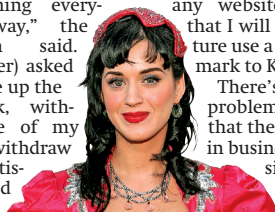
**FAME GETTING TO HER HEAD?** Singer Katy Perry is making life difficult for fashion designer Katie Perry, suing her and demanding she change her name.

"It really felt like I was being intimidated and bullied

into signing everything away," the Australian said. "(The letter) asked me to give up the trademark, withdraw sale of my clothes, withdraw any advertising and

any websites and sign that I will not in the future use a similar trademark to Katy Perry."

There's only one problem. It appears that the designer was in business before the singer. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



## Living in Jodie's shadow

**MINI-ME** Evan Rachel Wood didn't know whether to "kiss or punch" Jodie Foster when they met to discuss her role in forthcoming film *Flora Plum* — because she blames the Oscar winner for a childhood trauma, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

As a child, Wood was pushed to emulate the actress' career by her mother, who was obsessed with the Oscar winner. The 21-year-old even attended the same schools and learned to speak French — like her mom's idol — so Wood found

meeting Foster in person an odd experience.

She told the New York Daily News, "I had to sit my mom down one day and look at her and say, 'I'm not Jodie Foster. I'm me, and that's who I'm going to be. OK?'"

"I actually got to sit down with Jodie and I thought, 'Not that this is a bad thing, but you've haunted me my entire life. I don't know whether to kiss you or punch you.'"

"I wept going to sleep the night before, and I wept waiting for her at the restaurant. It was a big deal for me."

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## Speidi lash out at Al

**B-LIST** Heidi and Spencer Pratt are upset that Al Roker chastised them on Monday's Today show, usmagazine.com reports.

"People keep on referring to this weatherman like I'm supposed to know who he is," Spencer tells usmagazine.com hours after Roker — whom the Hills star admits he thought was just a fan from off the

street — told him people think he acts like a jerk.

Spencer's wife Heidi thought Roker went too far when asking if she was proud of her behaviour on NBC's I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here.

"This weather guy was definitely out of line, and he should stick to predicting cloudy days," Heidi told Us. "Maybe someone rained on his little parade today."

Heidi, who complained that Roker didn't thank them after the interview and made her cry after personally attacking her, says he should learn some manners.

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